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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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OPTICAL DISK DEVICE, OPTICAL DISK, DATA RECORDING

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New patent application including 61 pages of text, 22 sheets of formal drawings, signed Declaration, signed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet, Claim For Foreign Priority with a certified copy of the foreign priority document and a check for \$1,272.00.

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CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

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Sir:

Under the provisions of Section 119 of 35 U.S.C., Applicants hereby claim the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2000-052594 filed in Japan on February 28, 2000, relating to the above-identified United States patent application.

In support of Applicants' claim for priority, a certified copy of said Japanese application is attached hereto.

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